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SUBJECT: BRITISH PLANS FOR RECOGNITION OF NEW CHILEAN  
REGIME

1. WE AGAIN SPOKE TO ACTING HEAD LATIN AMERICAN DEPART-  
MENT FULLERTON SEPTEMBER 20 REGARDING BRITISH POLICY  
TOWARDS CHILE. FULLERTON SAID THEY HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING  
URGENTLY QUESTION OF RECOGNITION OF NEW REGIME. PRES-  
SURES FOR EARLY RECOGNITION STEM FROM THE NEED FOR CONSU-  
LAR SERVICES (THERE ARE 4,500 BRITISH CITIZENS IN CHILE),  
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DESIRE TO GET IN EARLY WITH NEW GOVERNMENT AND NATURAL

TENDENCY OF THOSE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILEAN AFFAIRS WITHIN THE BUREAUCRACY TO WANT TO GET ON WITH THE JOB. WEIGHING AGAINST THESE PRESSURES IS THE STRONG AND VOCAL OPPOSITION OF LIBERAL ELEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WHO ARE NOT ONLY OPPOSED TO RECOGNITION BUT WOULD LIKE TO SEE HMG CONDEMN THE MILITARY JUNTA.

2. HAVING WEIGHED THESE CONSIDERATIONS HMG HAS NOW DEFINITELY DECIDED TO MOVE AHEAD ON RECOGNITION WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. AS OF MID-AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 20 FCO'S RECOMMENDATION TO FOREIGN SECRETARY WAS TO EXTEND RECOGNITION ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22. HOWEVER, ALTERNATE POSITIONS HAVE ALSO BEEN PUT FORWARD WHICH ARGUE FOR SLIGHTLY LONGER DELAY ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT EVERY DAY THAT GOES BY WILL REDUCE THE VIGOR OF LIBERAL REACTION TO THE ACT OF RECOGNITION. BEST GUESS AS OF THIS MOMENT IS THAT RECOGNITION WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOME TIME BETWEEN SATURDAY MORNING AND MONDAY EVENING. FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD PREFER WEEK-END ANNOUNCEMENT AS PRESS REACTION WOULD PROBABLY BE Milder. IN GIVING RATIONALE FOR RECOGNITION, FOREIGN OFFICE WILL STRESS NEED FOR PROTECTION OF BRITISH CITIZENS IN CHILE, A GREAT MANY OF WHO ARE ALLENDE SYMPATHIZERS.

3. FULLERTON WAS INTERESTED IN U.S. INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO RECOGNITION BUT SAID THAT OUR ACTIONS WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON TIMING OF BRITISH RECOGNITION. HE SAID THAT DEFINITIVE DECISION ON DATE OF BRITISH RECOGNITION WILL PROBABLY BE CABLED TO BRITISH EMBASSIES LATE EVENING SEPTEMBER 20.

4. WHILE ABOVE CONVERSATION WAS GOING ON FULLERTON RECEIVED CALL SAYING THAT PALACE HAD APPROVED LETTER OF CONDOLENCE FROM QUEEN TO SENORA ALLENDE.

5. SITUATION IN CHILEAN EMBASSY LONDON SEEMS TO HAVE STABILIZED WITH AMBASSADOR BUNSTER RETIRING TO THE SIDELINES AWAITING BRITISH RECOGNITION OF NEW GOVERNMENT AT WHICH TIME HE WILL BE GIVEN ASYLUM IN BRITAIN. THERE ARE SOME 10 OTHER CHILEAN DIPLOMATS WHO ARE ALLENDE  
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PARTISANS WHO HAVE ALSO ASKED FOR ASYLUM. HMG IS GIVING THEIR REQUESTS "SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION" BUT IS MAKING NO PROMISES.

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